



100 Titles for Middle School Students

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This is a suggested reading list for middle school students and is not intended for elementary students. However, some titles will be of interest to high school students. The recommended titles reflect the quality and complexity of the types of material middle school students should be reading both at school and outside of class. This list contains contemporary titles to create a more comprehensive list for expanding options for classroom teachers, librarians, students, and parents.

The purpose of this list is to provide suggestions for literature with a wide appeal to middle school students. While this list is not intended to replace existing reading lists, classroom teachers, reading teachers, library information specialists, parents, and others should use this list to encourage their young people to read a wider variety of current literature.

Criteria used in the selection of books for this suggested reading list were:

- Copyright date must be within ten years from the current calendar date;
- Each title must have at least two favorable reviews from recognized review sources;
- Each title must be currently available in print; and
- South Carolina Junior Book Award Nominees for the current year must be included.

This list will be updated annually to meet the selection criteria as outlined above. For more information about this middle school suggested reading list, please contact Martha Alewine (malewine@sde.state.sc.us).

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Alphabetical by Author

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Alexander, Lloyd	Rope Trick, The	2002
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Codell, Esme Raji	Sahara Special	2003
Colfer, Eoin	Artemis Fowl, The Opal Deception	2005
Couloumbis, Audrey	Say Yes	2002
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Crum, Shutta	Spitting Image	2003
DeFelice, Cynthia	Missing Manatee, The	2005
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Ellis, Deborah	Mud City	2003
Farmer, Nancy	House of the Scorpion	2002
Ferris, Jean	Once Upon a Marigold	2002
Funke, Cornilia	Inkheart	2005
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Gaiman, Neil	Coraline	2002

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Giff, Patricia Reilly	Pictures of Hollis Woods	2002
Gravett, Christopher	Real Knights: Over 20 True Stories of Chivalrous Deeds	2005
Green, Michelle Y.	Strong Right Arm, A	2002
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	Escape from Memory	2003
Hahn, Mary Downing	Hear the Wind Blow	2003
Hannigan, Kathrine	Ida B-- : and her plans to maximize fun, avoid disaster, and (possibly) save the world	2004
Harness, Cheryl	Franklin & Eleanor	2004
Henkes, Kevin	Olive's Ocean	2003
Hesse, Karen	Stowaway	2000
Hiaason, Carl	Hoot	2002
Hite, Sid	Hole in the World, A	2001
Hoeye, Michael	Time Stops for No Mouse	2002
Hoffman, Mary	Stravaganza: City of Masks	2002
Horowitz, Anthony	Stormbreaker	2001
Jacques, Brian	Lord Brocktree	2001
Jordan, Sherryl	Hunting of the Last Dragon, The	2002
Kehret, Peg	Stranger Next Door	2002
Kerr, P. B.	Children of the Lamp, The: The Akhenaten Adventure	2004
Konigsburg, E.L	Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place, The	2004
Koss, Amy Goldman	Girls, The	2000
Lavender, William	Just Jane	2002
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Levine, Karen	Hana's Suitcase	2002
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Lowery, Lois	Silent Boy, The	2003
Mair, Jacqueline	Horse Hooves and Chicken Feet: Mexican Folktales	2003
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Myers, Anna	Tulsa Burning	2002
Myers, Walter Dean	Blues Journey	2003
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